

REMARKS

The foregoing election is made in response to a restriction requirement imposed by the Office Action of November 16, 2004. In this respect, the Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to thirteen allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that distinct species of the claimed invention were depicted in Figures 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-13, 14-15, 16, 17 (for three distinct species), and 18. Applicant was directed to select a single disclosed species, as well as identify a listing of all claims readable thereon.

By this response, Applicant hereby elects to proceed with prosecution of those claims drawn to the embodiment depicted in Figures 16 and 16a. Such claims are hereby identified as Claims 19-20 and 35. Applicant hereby makes his election without traverse.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that such claims elected herein be substantively examined. To the extent the Examiner has any questions or requires additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's counsel at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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